

Supplementary Table 1: Inclusion and exclusion criteria

| Inclusion criteria | Exclusion criteria |
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| Peer-reviewed primary research reports | Not peer reviewed, not primary research data |
| Focus on Freestanding Midwifery Units (FMUs) and/or Alongside Midwifery Units (AMUs) | Not midwifery-led |
| Any observational study using qualitative methods | Studies that include data from home birth unless the data are reported discretely |
| Focus on processes, practices, experiences or views of care | Trials, cohort studies, surveys except where the article reports on a qualitative component. |
| Grey research literature (Theses) | Studies conducted in low-income countries |
| | Studies that report personal opinion or comments |
| | Focus on clinical or economic outcomes of FMUs |